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Re: Triple V Farms

NPDES No. ILA010099 Notice of Incompleteness NPDES PROGRAMS BRANCH LPA, RECION 5

Gentlemen:

The application and supporting documents for the NPDES Permit, received on June 7th, 2012, for the above referenced project has been reviewed and deemed an incomplete submission for the purpose of review towards issuance of an NPDES permit. The following specific information and documentation are required to be submitted within the designated time frame below in order that we may continue our review.

- 1. Please provide topographic maps indicating the location of the above referenced facilities, livestock waste management facilities, and livestock waste handling facilities.
- 2. Please submit signed consent agreements from the owners of application fields not owned by Triple V Farms, which verifies that that livestock waste may be applied as needed to those sites.
- 3. Page 11 of the submitted Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) mentions a proposed addition of a "bed pack barn" and references a "Farmstead Plan" which does not appear to be included. Please submit the design and construction plans, and operational and maintenance practice plans that provide for adequate storage capacity for livestock waste for periods when livestock waste cannot be land applied due to weather, cropping, land application site conditions or other conditions so as to maintain compliance with Special Condition 4.e.v of the General CAFO Permit.
- 4. Please provide verification that stormwater not contaminated by livestock waste is diverted from the livestock handling facility. Also, demonstrate that precipitation landing on the feedlot or waste handling facilities is not discharged to Waters of the State as required by Special Condition 3.c of the General NPDES Permit.
- 5. Special Condition 4.c.vi of the General Permit states that livestock waste shall not be applied within 100 feet of waterways or other conduits to surface waters, unless a 35 foot vegetative buffer exists. This is also stated on page 271 of the submitted application but is not reflected in your application field maps. There are waterways present on the field application maps which appear to have little or no setback while others are clearly

labeled. Please revise the maps and amend the NMP accordingly to show the setbacks or vegetated buffers required in accordance with the General Permit. Revise the calculations for available land application area accordingly.

- 6. Special Condition 4.c.viii of the General Permit states that livestock waste shall not be applied within 200 feet of potable water supply wells. This is also stated on page 112 of the submitted application; however, a 150 foot setback is used in your application field maps. Please revise the maps and amend the NMP calculations for land application area accordingly.
- 7. Please state the status of any application for construction with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA). Please state if the proposed additions must require IDOA approval under the Livestock Management Facilities Act.

The General CAFO NPDES Permit No. ILA01 can be found at the following web address: http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/cafo/general-npdes-permit.pdf

Please provide a written response to the above items within 30 days of the date of this letter. Failure to submit a response that includes the requested information within the time period specified may cause the Permit Section to refer the facility to the compliance and enforcement programs, and could be cause for denial of your NPDES Permit. Include on all correspondence the above proposed NPDES permit number.

Upon receiving a written response including the requested information the Agency will continue review of the application. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above, please contact Yacine Anane at (217) 782-0610 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

Yacine Anane

Environmental Protection Engineer

Permit Section

Division of Water Pollution Control

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